

Code of Ethics whose provisions they follow. Typical elements include: "Puppies are sold directly to carefully screened buyers, not through brokers or pet stores. "Pet-quality animals will be sold with spay/neuter contracts, and on limited registration or without registration until evidence of S/N is provided to the breeder. "Puppies/kittens will have age-appropriate immunizations and other veterinary care before they are transferred to a new owner. " Buyers will be given documentation including the pedigree, health history, and instructions for care and training of their new companion; the breeder will assist the buyer in dealing with problem behavior, health care issues, and other concerns that may arise. "Throughout the pet's lifetime, the breeder will accept the return of the pet they bred or assist in re-homing it if the owner cannot keep it - for any reason. We [love/value] our animals. They are not neglected or abused, or allowed to be a nuisance to our neighbors or a danger to our communities. Just as people who ski, sail, or play golf may make substantial investments in order to enjoy their hobby, we have chosen to raise and show our dogs and cats because of the enjoyment they give us and our commitment to their well-being and the continuation of quality in their particular breed. Another reason we oppose HB548 is This bill has NO rules set and NO definition of "standards". It is improper procedure to pass this bill as written and set the rules later. It also does not provide any recourse for breeders who are unfairly accused and raided. .

There are also CIVIL RIGHTS issues with this bill. This legislation permits unannounced inspections of facilities. No other hobbyist has to give up their civil rights and allow the government into their HOMES. In conclusion HB 0548 provides no additional impact on substandard kennels as purported by its supporters. Existing regulation, if enforced, can ensure sanitary and humane environments for dog breeding facilities. The impact of 0548 HB will be to destroy small in-home dog breeders, one of the best sources of healthy pets in the state. And to quote Lyndon B. Johnson "You [should] not examine legislation in the light of the benefits it will convey if properly administered, but in the light of the wrongs it would do and the

harm it would cause if improperly administered."